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SARS-CoV-2
Vaccine

Diweddariad am y brechlyn Vaccination Update

1 million vaccinations ... the story so far

DECEMBER 2020

Vaccination programme launches
08/12/2020

JANUARY 2021

The Duke of Cambridge,
HRH Prince William thanks Mass
Vaccination Team.

Mass Vaccination Centres at General
Offices Ebbw Vale, Newport Centre
and Newbridge Leisure Centre
come online.

FEBRUARY 2021

First milestone reached,
150,105 vaccinations
administered.
Second doses
commenced.

MARCH 2021

Opened Wales' first
vaccine clinic in a
mosque.

MAY 2021

500,000 vaccinations
administered.
Drop-in sessions start.

APRIL 2021

Trained 1,000
immunisers. Military
teams thanked for
their support.

JUNE 2021

18 – 30 years begin
to receive their
invitations.

JULY 2021

800,000 combined first
and second vaccinations
administered.

AUGUST 2021

16-17 years offered
vaccination. Goldie Lookin
Chain film music video at
Newport Centre.

SEPTEMBER 2021

Pontllanfraith MVC opens
replacing Newbridge.
Booster programme
commences.

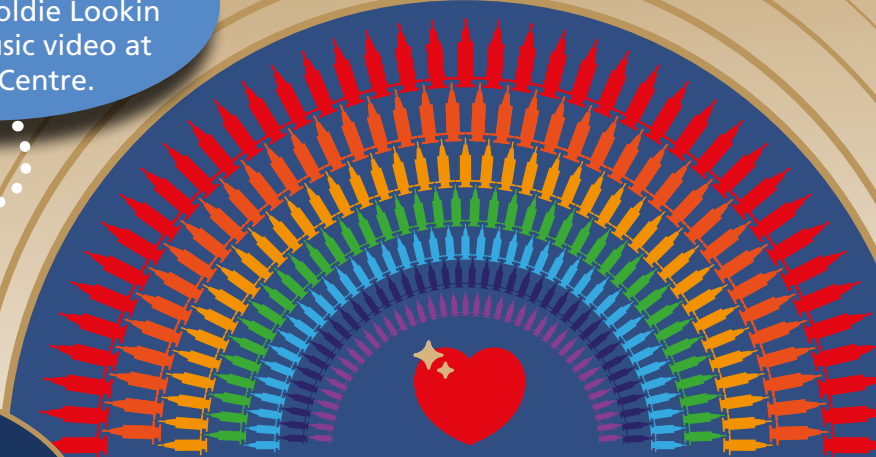
OCTOBER 2021

12 – 15 year old
clinics begin.

NOVEMBER 2021

One million vaccinations
administered.
09/11/2021

1 miliwn o frechiadau
1 million vaccinations



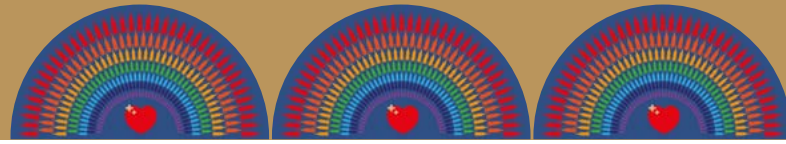


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JANUARY 2021



Military Assistance

Military teams have been deployed to vaccination sites across our Health Board area to assist with the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out.

Currently working alongside Health Board vaccination staff are 12 general duties (RAF) personnel who are providing non-clinical roles within the programme (such as greeting and chaperoning patients) and three vaccinators (non-registered, but fully trained) from the Army.

The Health Board is very grateful to our military colleagues, who are supporting the vaccination roll-out.

A Royal Thank You

The Duke of Cambridge, HRH Prince William, took the opportunity to thank Aneurin Bevan University Health Board's Mass Vaccination Team this week, in a telephone call with the Programme Director, Mererid Bowley.

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board's Assistant Director of Public Health, Mererid Bowley, represented the Mass Vaccination Team on the call, where she provided the Duke with updates on the success of the Mass Vaccination Programme. Mererid expressed her gratitude to the large team of people behind the Mass Vaccination Programme, as she told the Duke *"We're fortunate that we have an amazing team of staff, and the team go above and beyond on a daily basis to vaccinate as quickly and as safely as possible."*

Mererid praised the 300 staff members who have volunteered to work extra hours on evenings and weekends, as well as thanking our Local Authority partners who have also deployed staff to help the programme.

HRH Prince William was full of praise for the Health Board's Mass Vaccination Team, where he ended the call by offering some words of gratitude to them. He said: *"You're doing a fantastic job, all of you. I just wanted to say a huge congratulations to all of you and I know this has been an enormous effort for you all, even though the planning started last autumn. It's been a huge achievement and a huge challenge to roll this out in a Pandemic when everyone's dealing with all sorts of challenges. So, just a huge congratulations to your team for achieving such a big task and please pass on my best wishes to them."*

FEBRUARY 2021

Working Together



One of the key elements in the success of rolling out such a huge vaccination programme is working with partners and their tremendous support.

Angharad Collins, CEO of Torfaen Leisure Trust, explained that they have brought in 24 volunteers, made up of a combination of staff and trustees, who have come off furlough to assist with the vaccination programme. Their help at the mass vaccination centre in Cwmbran has been invaluable. In two weeks alone they volunteered a total of 810 hours. Angharad said *"We look forward to continuing to support. It has been a brilliant project to be involved in"*.

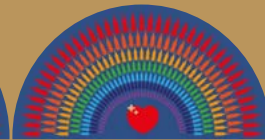
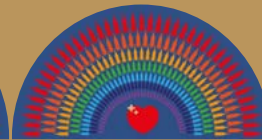


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This week, we have reached the first milestone set out by Welsh Government, vaccinating those within the JCVI priority groups 1-4. A total of 150,105 people across our Health Board area have received their first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine.



This is a fantastic achievement that we are very proud of and would like to thank everyone who has attended their appointment. We would also like to thank all the staff who are vaccinating and running the vaccination clinics in GP Practices and Mass Vaccination Centres, the Military, plus those staff and volunteers planning and working behind the scenes to make this mammoth task a reality.

We have now vaccinated 91.6% of people aged 75-79 years and 91.4% of people aged 70-74 years.

Last week, our District Nurses, GPs, mobile units and Primary Care colleagues worked incredibly hard and continued to vaccinate those that are housebound and eligible in line the JCVI priority groups.



Artwork of NHS Founder, Aneurin Bevan, by Nathan Wyburn. The portrait has been created using recycled vaccine packaging and is displayed in Cwmbran Mass Vaccination Centre.

New Vaccination Centre Placements



Student nurses, Abbie and Alice, are in the second year of their Nursing Degrees at the University of South Wales, and are currently on a very unique placement within our Mass Vaccination Programme. Having undergone full training at our Mass Vaccination Centre in Cwmbran, they are administering vaccines to eligible Hospital inpatients as part of our Mobile Vaccination Team.

Caerphilly Team Vaccinators

The Caerphilly vaccination team, operating as three teams of two, undertook over 400 of the Caerphilly housebound vaccinations. The teams consisted of Sian Margetts, Allison Morris and Sharon Griffin, who were supported by District Nursing Students. The students were a fantastic support, earning much praise from the team. The team are extremely grateful to the Student Education Leads and all those involved.



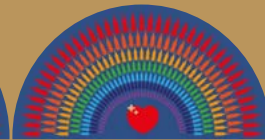
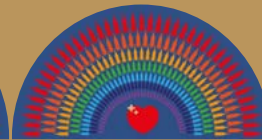


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MARCH 2021

A huge range of specialties



We are so fortunate to have health professionals from a huge range of specialties working at our Mass Vaccination Centres. Catherine is a Dental Hygienist from Mayhill Dental and Specialist Centre in Monmouth, and is currently administering Covid-19 vaccines at our Mass Vaccination Centre in Cwmbran. She said *"I feel very privileged to be part of the Mass Vaccination Programme, and it's completely different from my usual role. Seeing so many grateful members of the public receiving their vaccinations makes it so rewarding."*

APRIL 2021



A huge thank you

This week was the last week for some of our Military teams helping at our Vaccination Centres. We'd like to say a huge thank you to them for being part of the vaccination team and for all their help and support.



Wales' first vaccine clinic in a mosque opens in Newport

The Jamia mosque in Newport opened its doors as a community Covid-19 vaccination centre on Tuesday (March 23rd).

The mosque was the first in Wales to be used to administer the vaccination. The drop-in clinic for over-60s served the whole community, but it was hoped it would help to overcome any vaccine hesitancy among the city's Muslim population.

Dr Kasim Ramzen, a local GP and member of Muslim Doctors Cymru, assured patients that the vaccine was halal and having it would not break Ramadan fasts. He said having the clinic in the mosque helped to vaccinate people "we have never been able to access before".



MAY 2021

Drop in Vaccination Clinic Success

On Saturday 22nd May we held a pop-up vaccination session at Community House, Eton Road, Newport, targeting over 40s who hadn't yet received their first vaccine dose. This session was hugely successful with 135 people from different communities attending to receive their vaccine. We also managed to book in anyone who attended who was under 40 at our vaccination centre at Newport Centre.

JUNE 2021

Calling all 18-30 year olds!

Thank you for your patience, you are now our priority and at the top of the queue to receive your free NHS Covid-19 Vaccination.



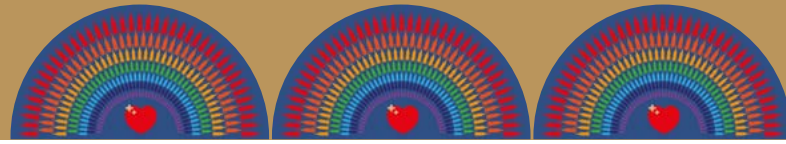


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JULY 2021

Not leaving anybody behind...



The Aneurin Bevan University Health Board vaccination campaign has been hugely successful, with vaccination rates to equal the best in the world. However, there are members of our community who continue to find accessing adequate levels of health care challenging. Thankfully, there are 3rd sector agencies that reach out and support these individuals to engage with our services.

Recently, we have had the privilege of working in partnership with one such partner agency - The Wallich, who work tirelessly to support homeless people. Their support in assisting the vaccination team to vaccinate these citizens has proved invaluable.

The Wallich team have shared their specialist knowledge and skills and transported vaccinators in 'The Wallich Bus' to deliver vaccines wherever they are needed. We would like to thank the Wallich Team, not only for the crucial work they do every day, but also for their support in getting the vaccine to those that benefit most.



Newbridge pupils thank staff



A group of Year 9 pupils from Newbridge Comprehensive School formed a 3D printing group after school, as part of their Science and Technology Area of Learning. The pupils' chosen project was to design and produce thank you gifts for the staff working in the Newbridge Vaccination Centre, in the

leisure centre attached to the school. They attended after school for several weeks to create their designs and put them together by the end of term. They also produced a thank you card to present with their gift.

The final design was a speech bubble, with the raised words "Thank you". The pupils trialled several, sometimes complicated, designs and felt this simple message was what they wanted to convey. The gifts were delivered to the staff at the vaccination centre in the last week of term.

The staff were grateful for the kindness of the pupils and the thoughtfulness of their gifts.



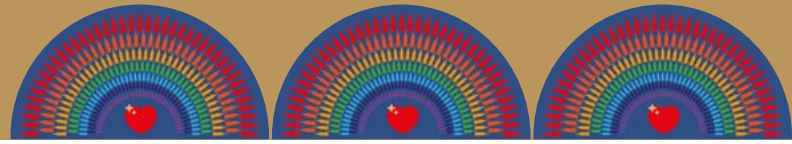


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AUGUST 2021

Farewell Newbridge... hello Pontllanfraith!

The Mass Vaccination Centre (MVC) is finishing in Newbridge Leisure Centre this week and transferring to Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre. Patient clinics will resume from 2nd September 2021.

Since starting at Newbridge MVC on 30th January 2021, over 157,000 vaccinations have been delivered, which is a phenomenal achievement and testament to the efforts of all those involved.

The MVC has worked extremely well and has been well-received by those who have attended. We are incredibly grateful to local authority leisure staff, who have been instrumental in supporting the smooth operation at Newbridge in fulfilling car parking and meet and greet duties, and to Newbridge School who afforded us the opportunity to use the sports hall for the vaccination programme.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with Caerphilly County Borough Council in establishing the MVC in Pontllanfraith.



Working in partnership with GDAS

In our approach to providing the COVID-19 vaccine for people who experience homelessness, who are vulnerable and hard to reach within our Health Board area, the GDAS team was instrumental in this partnership work. GDAS provided their bases throughout Gwent, Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Newport, Monmouthshire and Torfaen, in which the vaccination team could deliver, administer the vaccine.

GDAS is trusted by their service users, they felt comfortable with familiarity of the GDAS team faces, and the place provides a sense of safety for them, where they feel welcome and accepted.

By holding walk-in clinics, we have been able to vaccinate women in refuge, the homeless, others with crippling anxiety, mental health issues, who were really nervous about attending and where trained staff have managed to explain and answer any fears, to enable the vaccine to be received.

GDAS and the vaccination team have linked in with the probation service, who have sent those in need our way. Hostels, refuges, other organisations, such as MIND, local councils and housing have been contacted.

GDAS Assertive Outreach Team has also been pivotal in reaching out to those in the Pods or on the streets of Newport and walking them to the clinic, while the rest of the GDAS staff have taken the approach of working through their caseloads to inform service users of the clinics being held in Aneurin Bevan University Health Board.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the GDAS team Georgina, Kate, Rondine and Martin, they have opened doors to us, given us a warm welcome and given us the opportunity to serve the seldom heard voices in Aneurin Bevan University Health Board.

SEPTEMBER 2021

We're delighted to announce that we've started the COVID-19 Booster Vaccination Programme and we'll continue with offering first and second doses to eligible residents.

Covid-19 Autumn Booster Programme:

On Tuesday 14th September, the JCVI recommended that individuals who were eligible and received vaccination in Phase 1 of the COVID-19 vaccination programme (priority groups 1-9) should be offered a third dose COVID-19 booster vaccine **with a minimum 6-month interval after the 2nd dose**. An mRNA vaccine is recommended (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) irrespective of which vaccine was given as a primary dose.



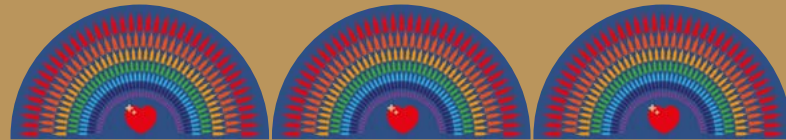


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OCTOBER 2021

Our Mobile Vaccination Team

Our mobile teams continue to offer Covid-19 booster vaccinations to residents and their carers in care homes for older adults throughout Gwent. We have offered booster vaccination at 69 care homes for older adults during the first three weeks of the booster programme.

Fields Care Home Resident Marjorie Browning, aged 96 pictured to the right said "I am very lucky to live safely through the Covid-19 pandemic with the love and care given at Fields Care Home. They have paid careful attention to washing hands and wearing masks and aprons. We get plenty of fresh air and we're all vaccinated. I feel safe now I've had my booster and I encourage all to get theirs."



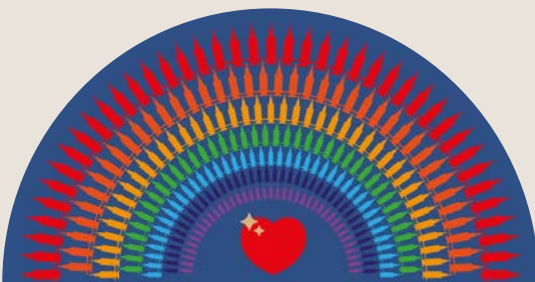
12 to 15 years of age

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board can confirm that all 12 to 15 year olds have been offered a Covid-19 Vaccination appointment, to attend a clinic by 26th October 2021.

NOVEMBER 2021

9th November 2021

Meet Lesley and Helen – the recipient and immuniser of our ONE MILLIONTH dose of the COVID-19 vaccine! Lesley, 85 came to Cwmbran Stadium for his Booster dose with his daughter. Senior Nurse, Helen, was delighted to give the millionth dose to Lesley.



Diolch!
Thank you!



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